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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE

1. PRESIDENT NYERERE RECEIVED ME THIS MORNING AT HIS RESIDENCE AND DISCUSSION LASTED WELL OVER AN HOUR. HIS COMMENTS RE RHODESIA, ESSENTIALLY A RESTATEMENT OF KNOWN POSITIONS WITH A NUANCE OR TWO, WILL BE REPORTED BY SEPTTEL.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, NYERERE DID BREAK NEW GROUND CONCERNING NAMIBIA. HE REFERRED TO AN OCTOBER 4 (DATE UNCERTAIN, BUT ALL AGREED EARLY OR MID OCTOBER) LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY. TERMS STATED IN THAT LETTER ARE ACCEPTABLE TO NYERERE, AS HE HAS TOLD US BEFORE. LETTER ALSO ENVISIONED, AS NYERERE RECALLED, THAT SECRETARY AT THE PROPER TIME WOULD "TAKE THE INITIATIVE" BY REQUESTING WALDHEIM TO CALL A CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. WHY HASN'T THE SECRETARY TAKEN THE INITIATIVE?

3. I ANSWERED THAT WHILE HE AND KAUNDA HAD FOUND THE TERMS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE, WE AND THEY HAD NOT HEARD FROM NUJOMA, NOR INDEED HAD OUR GENERAL SOUNDINGS IN NEW YORK AND ELSEWHERE INDICATED THE SAME AFFIRMATIVE, ACCEPTABLE VIEWS FROM OTHERS.

4. "DON'T WORRY ABOUT SAM," HE REPLIED. "HAVE WALDHEIM CALL THE CONFERENCE, AND I'LL PRODUCE SAM." I OBSERVED: YOURS SEEMS TO ME TO BE A VERY IMPORTANT STATEMENT, AND YOU DID NOT MAKE THIS
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POINT CLEAR TO ME THE LAST TIME WE TALKED. NO MATTER, HE SAID,

JUST GET THE CONFERENCE CALLED.

5. I THEN POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE OBVIOUSLY DISAGREEMENTS ON RHODESIA AND THAT WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW AND HAVE AGREED TO THE COMPLETE TERMS OF REFERENCE BEFORE GOING FARTHER ON NAMIBIA. HAD HE SEEN NUJOMA RECENTLY, OR TALKED WITH HIM SINCE LAST WE MET? NO, HE HADN'T, BUT DON'T WORRY, JUST GET THE CONFERENCE STARTED.

6. WOULD HE UNDERTAKE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH NUJOMA AND EXPRESS HIS AFFIRMATIVE REACTIONS CONCERNING TERMS STATED IN THE SECRETARY'S LETTER? HE THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT, DIVERTED FROM COURSE, THEN ANSWERED: IT WILL BE EASY FOR HIM TO CONTACT NUJOMA AND HE WILL DO SO AND INFORM US OF HIS REACTION. HE IS CERTAIN THAT NUJOMA WILL REACT POSITIVELY AND THAT HE CAN BE PRODUCED BY NYERERE AT A CONFERENCE. OF COURSE, NUJOMA MAY WANT SOME ASSURANCE ABOUT THE PRISONERS. I REMINDED HIM OF THE SECRETARY'S FEELING ABOUT PRISONERS, WHICH HE ACKNOWLEDGED AS SATISFACTORY.

7. FINALLY, HE ASKED WHAT VORSTER WAS UP TO IN CONTINUING TO DEAL WITH THE "TURNHALLE CROWD." I REPLIED THAT I CERTAINLY COULD NOT SPEAK FOR VORSTER BUT THAT DELAYS ON BOTH THE RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA ISSUES GAVE BOTH SMITH AND VORSTER MUCH ROOM FOR MANEUVER. I THEN REMINDED HIM THAT THE SECRETARY HAD BEEN ABLE TO PERSUADE THE SOUTH AFRICANS THAT THE PROPOSED GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD NOT BE A CONTINUATION OF THE TURNHALLE MEETING. HE REMEMBERED THAT IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL TERM IN THE OCTOBER 4 OR LATER LETTER, BUT VORSTER IS STILL DEALING WITH THOSE PUPPETS. I RESTATED THAT CONTINUED DELAYS AND SEEMING INDECISION OR EVEN OBJECTIONS LEFT VORSTER FREE TO DO WHATEVER HE PLEASES.

8. I THEN MADE AN EFFORT TO PIN THE PRESIDENT DOWN: ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU WILL PRODUCE SAM NUJOMA AT A NAMIBIAN CONFERENCE ON X DATE IF DR. KISSINGER, ON THE BASIS OF TERMS STATED IN HIS LETTERS TO YOU, DECIDES TO ASK MR. WALDHEIM TO CALL A CONFERENCE?

9. HIS REPLY: "LET'S DO IT." HE CONTINUED: "IT WILL BE A GOOD THING IF KISSINGER LEAVES NAMIBIA IN WALDHEIM'S HANDS BEFORE HE GOES," THAT IS, BEFORE THE SECRETARY GOES.

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10. COMMENT: NYERERE DID NOT MAKE ANY GREAT EFFORT TO FOCUS OUR CONVERSATION ON NAMIBIA, MERELY RESPONDING TO MY INITIATIVE AFTER WE HAD FINISHED OUR DISCUSSIONS OF THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. HIS REACTION, PLANNED OR NOT, WAS MATTER OF FACT AND SELF-ASSURED: YES, WHATEVER HAPPENED TO NAMIBIA; WHY HAVEN'T YOU DONE SOMETHING; LET'S GET STARTED.

11. THIS BALL IS NOW IN BOTH COURTS. HE HAS PROMISED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH NUJOMA, INDEED TO "PRODUCE" HIM; BUT HE ALSO EXPECTS FURTHER MOVEMENT ON OUR SIDE, PREFERABLY HE HOPES VIA WALDHEIM. AT ONE POINT HE STATED THAT IN THE EVENT THE SECRETARY ASKS WALDHEIM TO CALL A CONFERENCE, NYERERE WOULD EXPECT THE SECRETARY GENERAL AS A FIRST STEP TO CONTACT NUJOMA. IT IS MY JUDGMENT THAT MOVEMENT, SHORT OF A REQUEST TO CALL A CONFERENCE, MAY BE GAINED IF WALDHEIM SOUNDS OUT NUJOMA.
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